ACT – Upcoming Events in January

- [Schedule of Events](#)
  - A link to the ACT schedule of events in preparation for the statewide administration of ACT to Juniors

ACCOMMODATIONS
TEST ADMINISTRATION
ONLINE TESTING

Important Information

Websites:

ACT Utah website

This website contains information necessary for statewide test administration of ACT to Juniors.

Includes training and user guides for Accommodations, Test administration, and Online Testing

USBE ACT website

This is a webpage on the USBE website with information about the ACT.

ACT Customer Service

General:

P: 800-553-6244 **ext. 2800**

Accommodations:

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USBE Contact

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Accommodations

January 20: Deadline for submitting ACT-approved accommodations

- Create and manage an account in the *Test Accessibility and Accommodations System* (TAA)

- Request and manage TAA access

- Submit requests for ACT-approved accommodations for examinees

- Monitor and manage the status of requests

January 23 – February 24: Window to upload *ACT-Approved Accommodations Late Consideration Form*

January 27: Deadline for test coordinator to submit *reconsideration requests* of ACT-approved accommodations in TAA.

Test Administration

January 16 – 26: Window for LEA/School to view Student Data Upload (SDU) file via PearsonAccess^next   (email will be sent to Test Coordinators later this week)

- Check that all students were uploaded during the SDU file process
- Verify test delivery format (online or paper) -   **the default is PAPER**

January 19: ACT Test Administration Training

- In-person (USBE Basement West) or webinar @ 12:30 – 3:00
- Here is the link for the webinar
  - https://uen.webex.com/uen/j.php?MTID=m88e97b364b35e810e0c72ed21199bbac
- You can sign-up in OnTrack:
  - Course number 64932
  - Section number 82472

January 27 – February 22 (PAPER) or March 8 (ONLINE):   Window to add additional students or update existing student information in PearsonAccess^next

Online Testing

January 26: Deadline for Technical Site readiness and ProctorCache software installation.

- If this is **<u>not</u>** done by the deadline then the school will be administering the test via PAPER.

January 30 – March 14: Window for test coordinator to create test sessions and assign students to test sessions.

SAGE System Training

SAGE System Training Workshop:
Tuesday, January 31, 2017 LOCATION CHANGE

- For new Assessment Directors or staff:
- 9:00-3:00 **Murray School District Office 5102 Commerce Dr. SLC**
- Register in *On Track*: Course #65028 Section 82380
- This in-person session will be an in-depth training of the SAGE systems (TIDE, TDS, and ORS). It is intended for LEA (district and charter school) level staff who are new to administering the SAGE assessments. This is a train-the-trainer workshop for individuals who were not involved with Spring 2017 SAGE testing. It will not be recorded.

SAGE System Review Webinar: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

- SAGE Training Webinar: Intended for LEA (district and charter school) level staff who have previously administered the SAGE assessments.
- Register in *On Track*: Course #65028 Section 82381
- https://uen.webex.com/uen/j.php?MTID=m29cd316c0ab5fd4f79d758aba551c753
- Time: 1:00 – 3:00
- This webinar highlights the new SAGE TIDE system and practice tests. TIDE has undergone an entire revamp; it has a new look and feel for 2016-2017.
- This webinar will focus on the changes to TIDE and will help answer any in-depth questions you may have about implementing the new practice tests and/or SAGE Summative assessments.

Benchmark Completion Reports

- Benchmark Modules are assigned by grade level rather than by core code.

  - Grade 12 students have to be assigned Benchmark modules individually since the modules are for grades 3-11.

- TIDE test completion reports for Interim and Summative will tell you who hasn't started because it can identify students assigned by core codes.

  - TIDE completion reports for Benchmarks will only tell you who hasn't finished a test because it doesn't list of all the students eligible.

Benchmark Writing

- Passages are now available to view in all the writing and literature modules in AIR Ways.

- Writing modules show a rubric placeholder with n/a.
  - This enhancement is in progress but probably won't be ready until Fall.
  - Rubric will be a static document rather than the color changing rubric that we see in an ISR.
  - Rubrics and scoring guides are available on the portal under resources.
  - Scoring guides are also available on the secure testing site as students are writing.
  - Teachers can copy and paste student responses out of AIR Ways and compare them to the rubrics for instructional purposes.

Reporting Training for Principals SAGE and Data Gateway

February 8, 2017

8:30-3:30 (Break for lunch)

USBE Boardrooms

Register in On Track #65009

UTREx Data Collectors Are Back On...

...but this doesn't mean that your data are being sent.
Please check the following:

- Consult with your LEA UTREx specialist to ensure that you have resumed data submissions.
- Check for stale extracts and reset if necessary.
- Contact David Sallay, Assessment Data Specialist, at david.sallay@schools.Utah.gov for any questions.